

CONFERENCE HELD IN PETERSBURG

Improvement of River and Harbor Subject of Discussion

REPAIRS ARE NEEDED BADLY

City Gives Assurance of Its Cooperation With Government.

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Several members of the United States Board of Engineers in charge of rivers and harbors came down from Washington to Petersburg this afternoon and held a brief conference with city and harbor improvement officials and representatives of the city and of the railroad on the matter of river and harbor improvement.

The members of the board present were Colonel W. T. Russell, the president, Colonel W. C. Langfitt, Mayor W. J. Harden and Secretary Alex. H. Weber.

The conference was held in the Hastings Court room and was very brief. The engineers arrived via the Seaboard Air Line at 4 o'clock. The meeting was called to order at 4:15. Adjournment was announced at 4:45, and the visitors left on their return at 4:50.

The object of the conference was to receive statements early or in writing touching the needed improvements to the river and harbor, and the rebuilding of the government dam. Involved in this matter is the proper depth of the channel, the protection of property from flood overflows and sanitation. It is understood that the government does not propose to rebuild its dam until steps are taken to raise the bank of the river west of the dam to a height some twenty or twenty-two feet above ordinary water. On this point the city and the Norfolk and Western Railway are interested.

At the request of President Russell Mayor Cameron introduced all who desired to be heard. Those who spoke were brief in their remarks.

The speakers were Colonel Churchill, chief engineer of the Norfolk and Western Railway; R. H. Mann, of the Chamber of Commerce; Alexander Hamilton, vice-president, and Chief Engineer Pleasant, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and Mayor Cameron. The statements on behalf of the railroad embraced what they had done for protection against floods, and their willingness to do what is fair and right for further improvements. On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Mann urged the necessity of good navigation in the interest of the commercial welfare of the city.

Mayor Cameron read the resolutions adopted by the Council, giving assurance of the city's cooperation with the government in the improvement of the river and harbor. In this connection

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The Mayor submitted a statement of what the city had done in the past to secure and maintain deep water. Since 1878 it had expended for this purpose about \$260,000, and it has expended altogether for river and harbor improvement nearly \$1,000,000.

The members of the board had nothing to say, but they heard carefully all statements and suggestions that were made.

Among those present at the conference were Lieutenant-Colonel Mason M. Patrick, of Norfolk division engineer of rivers and harbors; City Engineer Budd, Captain J. A. Nicolson, local river engineer, members of the Council, business and professional men. After the meeting the engineers were taken down to the river to view the condition of things there.

Water to Be Analyzed.

Statements having been recently made that the water from the never failing springs at Central Park contains typhoid germs, Health Officer Martin has sent a sample of the water to the State Chemist for analysis. In the meantime, until the report of the State Chemist is made, people are advised not to use the water for drinking purposes unless boiled. The Central Park water has been hitherto regarded as pure and for a great number of years it has been freely used by thousands of people, without, as far as known, injurious effects.

Handsome Odd-Fellow's Jewel.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia Odd-Fellows a handsome jewel was ordered to be prepared and presented to Past Grand Master James B. Blanks, of this city, as a token of the esteem in which he is held and in appreciation of his long and valued services to the order. The jewel has been completed and presented to Mr. Blanks. It is of solid gold, with the initials of the order set in diamonds. It is of very handsome and unique design, and bears the inscription: "Presented to Past Grand Master James B. Blanks, of Monroe Lodge, No. 5, of Charlottesville."

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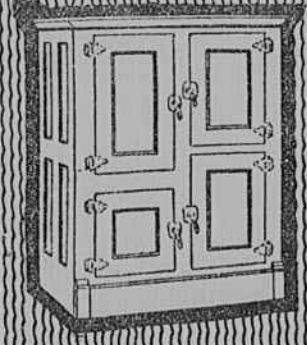


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Mr. Blanks has been an active and influential Odd-Fellow for fifty-two years and has held many high offices in the order. Only one other jewel of this kind has been presented by the Grand Lodge, that given to the late Grand Treasurer John W. Ferguson of Richmond, who was grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for over half a century.

Water Supply From River.

The city's water supply in the reservoir is becoming very low, and more is being taken out for consumption than is coming in, for lack of rain. The drought is becoming very serious in many portions of this section, the fall of rain having been very local. The city, it is expected will soon have to go to the river for water to supply its needs, and the prospect of an appropriation is not made for the purpose that the water from that source will be furnished to consumers without limitation. It is hardly believed that the Council will allow this.

Interesting Missionary Rally.

Interesting missionary services were held tonight in the Second Presbyterian Church, at which were present ten missionaries who are to sail for Korea on Saturday. Among those who have offered their services for foreign missionary service and who were present, were Mr. and Mrs. McQueen, the latter is the fourth member of her family who are working in the foreign field. The services to-night were in the nature of farewell exercises. Several assurances were delivered by the missionaries, and a collection was taken.

Sudden Death at Ocean View.

Mrs. Beadie Adams Parham, of this city, died very suddenly today of heart disease at her cottage at Ocean View, where she had been spending the summer. She is survived by her husband and four children—George, Kuehn, Harry and Miss Virginia Adams, children by her first marriage. The body will reach here at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning and will be taken directly to the cemetery, where the funeral services will be held. Mrs. Parham was a woman of most generous and charitable disposition. She leaves many relatives in this city.

Hastings Court Business.

In the Hastings Court to-day, several true bills for felony were returned by the grand jury, and two or three minor cases were tried. Max Parrish, colored, charged with housebreaking, was sent to the public house for one year. J. W. Hutterbury, white, was sentenced to jail for six months for assault.

No Smallpox in City.

The city is now entirely free of smallpox. All of the ten patients under treatment some weeks ago have been cured and discharged. The last quarantine was raised yesterday.

Personal and Otherwise.

Miss Amy Lester, of Spartanburg, S. C. is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Hopper on Adams Street. Misses Alice and Lucy Nottingham, of Calpepper county, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Barksdale, on High Street.

Miss Dorothy Brooke Pleasant, and Miss Mary Sterling Smith are spending the summer at "Haddcliffe," near Charlottesville.

Mrs. Eugenie Snyder and daughter, Miss Mary Bell Snyder, left yesterday for Boynton to visit Mrs. Snyder's son, the Rev. Charles W. Snyder.

The Board of Aldermen at a brief special session last night, concurred in the action of the Council in authorizing the repairing of the broken sewer at the river, and the work will be done at once.

The Retail Merchants' Association, of this city, under consideration of the publication of a weekly paper, devoted especially to the interests of the retail trade.

The Petersburg Grays, Captain McCrady will leave to-morrow afternoon for the Virginia troops at the national encampment at Gettysburg, Pa. They will be in camp ten days.

TRYING TO WIN RICHMOND WIFE

McNiven Appointed Matrimonial Agent for Youngster in Nevada.

Is there a fair young girl from the sunny clime of Italy who would wed? If so, there is a lovely swain in Allen, Nev., who is just waiting for the sight of her, will make her an admirable spouse and who is willing, nay, anxious to forward the wherewithal to pay the freight from Richmond to the far and Golden West.

Harry McNiven, treasurer of the Bijou Theatre, is the duly appointed matrimonial agent of Florvante Calcare, this duty devolved upon Mr. McNiven through no fault of his own. A friend, living in that wild country wrote him asking that he do all in his power to help Florvante reach the state of wedded bliss. Being a kind young man and very much of a humanitarian, Mr. McNiven has accepted the task set before him.

Florvante, he it known, is none of the plebeian kind. He hails from the sunny country of Venice and does not hold in very high esteem his country folk from the Southern part of Italy. However, he will not be averse to a young woman from that section provided she is good to look upon and not over twenty years old. The letter of explanation says that Florvante will not expect his prospective bride to do any outdoor work, and that he hopes, within a year or two, to own a ranch of his own. Describing himself, he says that is by no means a fool, is hardworking and is powerfully long on love.

If within the city of Richmond there happens to be an Italian girl, eighteen or twenty years old, good looking, willing to take chances in the great and bounding land of the Setting Sun, with a man answering the description given above, further information may be secured of Harry McNiven at the Bijou Theatre. This is by no means a hoax. It is absolutely on the level and the letter to Mr. McNiven adds that there are a number of good men and true living in the vicinity of Fallon who would wed, but that no brides happen to be handy.

Citizens to Vote for Bonds.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Greensboro, N. C., July 23.—At an election held here to-day for a \$130,000 bond issue for street improvement, sewerage extension, market and other house improvement, the proposition carried by a safe majority on each of the four issues. Out of a total registration of 970 the affirmative vote for streets was 537; sewerage, 596; market, 550; and opera house, 553.

REPEAT STORIES OF COURT MURDERS

Floyd Allen and Son Victor Testify in Behalf of Claude.

NO NEW FACTS BROUGHT OUT

Former Leader of Carroll County Clan Still on Stand.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Wynneville, Va., July 23.—The defense resumed the examination of its witnesses this morning in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Claude Allen for the murder of William M. Foster, of Carroll county, five witnesses having been examined at adjournment for yesterday.

Noah Rigney was the first witness introduced. He testified to having seen Claude striking up to Floyd Allen and feel his pulse, while the latter was warming at the stove the evening before the shooting. This same fact was testified to by Alvin Cox and Cabel Strickler yesterday and is intended to throw doubt on the fact of conspiracy. Several witnesses for the Commonwealth have sworn to having seen Claude Allen, the prisoner, feel his father's pulse at the stove, and to have heard Floyd ask if the boys were all ready.

Charles Vasson was introduced to corroborate the statement of Noah Rigney, but this witness became confused as to the stand that he was unable to give any clear account of himself or anybody else. Upon repeated questions by the Commonwealth as to what particular part of Carroll county he was from, he only answered that he was from Carroll county, Va. The greater part of the time he made no answer, but grumbled.

John Ferris, a member of the jury, and E. C. Gillespie were introduced to show the position in the courtroom occupied by Webb, Foster and others at the time of the shooting and during the five minutes preceding.

R. C. Wilson, cashier of the bank at Hillsville, was the last witness introduced before adjournment. He testified that Sidna Allen had \$652.75 deposited in his bank at the time of the tragedy, having made two large deposits only a few days before. This was intended to show there had been no plan and arrangement between the Allens, and that the shooting came unexpectedly.

Three witnesses were examined this afternoon, Green Robison, Victor Allen, brother of the prisoner, and Floyd Allen, his father.

Green Robison told the same general story concerning the incidents which occurred inside the courthouse, maintaining throughout his examination that he never would have left the courthouse unless ordered out by the crowd; that he never got scared even if there were about 100 shots fired. This witness claims Dexter Goad started the firing outside the courthouse by firing at Priel Allen and later snatching his pistol at the witness himself.

Victor Allen was the second to testify this afternoon. He told the same story of the tragedy and the part played in it by himself and others as on the former trials in which he has been a witness. He accounted for his presence at Hillsville in the same manner as before, telling the same story and sticking to it. He was much the best witness introduced for the defense to-day.

Floyd Allen was on the stand for nearly two hours, and at the time of adjournment his cross-examination had only begun. The defense, in his examination, sought to contradict the statements of several witnesses who testified for the Commonwealth, and to show a prejudice on the part of others against the Allens. He still maintains that Dexter Goad sent him the message through John Moore that if he would work for him in the election, Goad would select a jury which would clear him. Upon the cross-examination by Mr. Wyson, Floyd stoutly denied that he had made any threats as testified to by witnesses on Saturday. Court adjourned at 5:15 o'clock.

Floyd Allen is still on crutches, and has to be brought from the jail to the courthouse in an automobile. He seems to be in much better health than when he testified, as does his son, Victor. The latter is very pale and thin-looking and shows the effects of a long confinement. The prisoner at the bar seems to be standing the confinement better than any of the prisoners. The prisoner himself and the

Mr. Jos. W. Bliley desires to express his thanks to his neighbors, friends and the public in general, who so willingly assisted him with their valuable services in fighting the fire that destroyed his barn, stables, outbuildings and place at his country home in Chesterfield county, Va., on last Wednesday morning.

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NEW JERSEY LEADS NEW PARTY FIGHT

(Continued From First Page.)

Wage worker, business man and professional man alike, to be achieved not through the boss, not through the indirect control of the party organization by special privileges, but to be achieved through genuine and not merely nominal rule of the people themselves.

The reports of the county chairmen all were highly encouraging, and the Colonel beamed with pleasure at various predictions of an overwhelming Roosevelt vote.

Announcement was made by Chairman Hotchkiss that a meeting of the delegates and alternates to the Chicago convention, elected from the various congressional districts in the State, would be held in Buffalo August 8 for the purpose of electing two delegates and two alternates at large from this State to the convention. The delegates will start off at that city on the way to the Chicago convention.

WILL STIR THE COUNTRY.

Dixon's Prediction Regarding the Platform of the Progressives.

Chicago, Ill., July 23.—Senator Joseph M. Dixon, Colonel Roosevelt's campaign manager, discussed with leaders of the third party movement to-day the platform to be drafted for submission to the national convention in Chicago, August 6.

"Upon that platform, freed of the platitudes usual in the old parties, the new party will state its right to existence," said Senator Dixon. "If we cannot offer to the people anything more than the old parties have offered, then there is no excuse for Colonel Roosevelt running. But it will be a platform that will stir the country. It will be a document full of human interest and will provide specifically for the solution of the great problems."

Governor Herbert E. Hilday, of Missouri, called on Senator Dixon to discuss the third party movement in this State.

Opponents of the third party ticket in Illinois, which is said to have been assured by Governor Depue's announcement that he would not support Colonel Roosevelt, sent an open letter to the Roosevelt headquarters to-day asserting that the Republican candidate for State offices. The letter was sent by Morton D. Hull, member of the Legislature.

It was announced that all applications for press seats at the national convention must be sent to Medill McCormick by Monday, July 23.

State Ticket Named.

Burlington, Vt., July 23.—The first State convention of the Vermont progressive party was held here to-day with seventy delegates present. A platform was adopted and presidential

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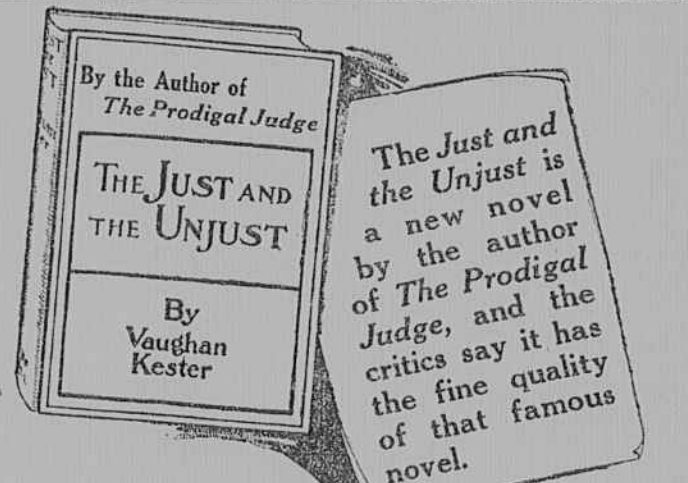
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